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SUBJ: DEAK & CO., INVOLVEMENT IN LOCKHEED CASE

1. TREASURY REP CALLED ON DIRK BRINK LOCAL MANAGER DEAK AND CO., MARCH 17. FOUND HIM HARRASSED AND AGITATED OVER INVOLVEMENT OF COMPANY AND HIMSELF PERSONALLY IN LOCKHEED AFFAIR.

2. HE SAID JAPANESE POLICE AGENTS HAVE SOUGHT TO QUESTION HIM. HE REFUSED AND JAPANESE THEN APPROACHED HONG KONG POLICE, WHO HAVE GIVEN HIM LONG QUESTIONNAIRE, ON BEHALF JAPANESE, WHICH HE PLANS ANSWER.

3. QUESTIONS RELATE TO SERIES APPROXIMATELY 15 EXCHANGE CONVERSIONS FROM DOLLARS TO YEN BANKNOTES MADE BY LOCKHEED THROUGH DEAK & COM., IN HONG KONG. RECEIPTS SIGNED BY BRINK BETWEEN 1971 AND 1974 ARE IN HANDS JAPANESE POLICE AND PRESS.

4. ACCORDING TO BRINK, ALL THE YEN CURRENCY WAS DELIVERED TO J. W. CLUTTER, THEN A LOCKHEED VP, OR A. H. ELLIOTT, CLUTTER'S ASSISTANT. BRINK SAYS HE KNOWS NOTHING WHATEVER OF WHO IN JAPAN MIGHT FINALLY HAVE RECEIVED THESE FUNDS. LARGEST SINGLE TRANSACTION NOTED WAS
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FOR APPROXIMATELY US\$1,667,000.

5. BRINK SHOWED COPIES OF JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS WITH HIS OWN PICTURE FEATURED AND ARTICLES ASSERTING HE WAS A PARTY TO TRANSACTIONS. HE SAID JAPANESE REPORTERS HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING HIM AROUND HONG KONG TRYING TO GET STATEMENT.

6. IN BRINK'S VIEW, LOCKHEED TRANSACTIONS WERE NORMAL DEAK & CO., BUSINESS AND HE HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN MIDDLE THROUGH NO FAULT OF HIS OR OF HIS COMPANY.
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